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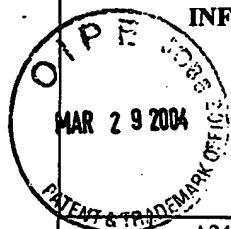
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	A21	4,049,002	09/20/1977	Kletschka et al.			
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	A28	4,306,561	12/22/1981	Luis de Medinaceli			
	A29	4,350,160	09/21/1982	Kolesov, et al.			
	A30	4,366,819	01/04/1983	Kaster			
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	A61	4,955,896	09/11/1990	freeman				
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